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UNSC SEAT, UNSUCCESSFUL WITH PANAMA

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Classified By: Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli. Reasons 1.4 (B,D).

(C) On April 20, Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Norman Caldera informed the Ambassador that the GON has succeeded in convincing fellow Central America Integration System (SICA) members El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras to join Nicaragua in supporting Guatemala in its race with Venezuela for a non-permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council (UNSC).

However, SICA members Panama and Belize have not signed on to the initiative. Caldera explained that, while Belize maintains border issues with Guatemala, Panama is waiting to see whether Mexico or Venezuela will agree to locate an oil refinery in Panama before it decides on its vote.
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